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27.		<b>Favor</b>	Ana M Godoy	<p>My name is Ana Godoy I am a resident in Supervisorial District 1 and I support the Healthy LA platform. This is a comment for Items 9, 20, 27, 28, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35.</p> <p>I support Item 9. I'm calling to enthusiastically support Agenda Item 9, the County motion to extend the County order providing eviction protections to millions of tenants across LA County. Despite the recent reopening of the state economy, tenants are still struggling to find work, access rental assistance, and pay full rent moving forward – the only sensible move is for the eviction protections to be extended while tenants continue to recover from this global pandemic. I urge the Board to extend the protections even further than the proposed September 30th date. I also ask the Board to continue banning evictions by a landlord who is attempting to move in. We are still recovering from the effects of this pandemic, and tenants should not be evicted so soon by comparatively wealthier landlords who have no problems displacing tenants during a global pandemic. At a minimum, landlords should not be able to displace vulnerable tenants and should pay relocation assistance to those that they do displace through eviction.</p> <p>Regarding Item 20: I appreciate all the hard work many county departments have put in to address housing affordability and renter stability. We don't think SB679 should change any of that important work. SB679 addresses the question of how we ADD to our collective efforts and bring the 88 cities together, with the County, using new tools and strategies to address housing affordability. LACAHSa will help bring together the fragmented affordable housing efforts across the county and help us create a comprehensive, holistic vision and approach to supporting low-income and working people. The Our Future coalition—a broad coalition of organizations committed to structural change in L.A. County-- urges the Supervisors to view SB679 not as competition but rather as a new tool, partner, and asset in the work to support low-income people across the entire county.</p> <p>I support Items 28, 32, 34. I urge you to take immediate action to ensure that all residents of LA County are able to access living wages and stable employment through LA County. We must also work to create an infrastructure that allows our most vital community businesses to thrive. Lastly, we must support economic recovery for all LA County residents, prioritizing those facing the greatest barriers to financial stability and economic mobility.</p> <p>I support and urge you to support Items 27, 30, 33, 35, and the entire Re-Imagine LA Platform. The county must adopt the Care First Vision. The Alternatives to Incarceration Workgroup, established by the County Board of Supervisors in 2019, rightly developed a "care first, jails last" vision, centering the needs of people and community-based resourcing over-incarceration and criminalization. But the current recommended 2021-2022 County budget does not reflect the Care First Vision. We need you to correct this and secure critical progress for our communities by adopting the Care First Budget.</p>
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edna monroy	I support and urge you to support Items 27, 30, 33, 35 and the entire Re-Imagine LA Platform. The county must adopt the Care First Vision. The Alternatives to Incarceration Workgroup, established by the County Board of Supervisors in 2019, rightly developed a "care first, jails last" vision, centering the needs of people and community-based resourcing over incarceration and criminalization. But the current recommended 2021-2022 County budget does not reflect the Care First Vision. We need you to correct this and secure critical progress for our communities by adopting the Care First Budget.
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Franky Carrillo

Good morning Board of Supervisors, my name is Franky Carrillo. I will be speaking on Item #27 and providing a general public comment

Thank you Supervisor Solis for authoring this motion on the Jail Closure Implementation Team and Supervisor Kuehl for co-authoring.

At the age of 16 I was arrested and eventually wrongfully convicted here in LA County. On my 18th birthday I was transferred from Central Juvenile Hall over to the Men's Central Jail, because I was now considered an adult. I heard horror stories of the jail and I prayed that my case would be resolved and I would go home, but instead I went there.

I spent the next 20 years in maximum security prisons, I endured horrific physical and psychological abuse behind bars before being EXONERATED, but nothing compared to the year I spent at the Men's Central Jail. It was the worst of the worst. When I think of the trauma of being wrongfully imprisoned I think of and remember the Men's Central Jail.

The jail is antiquated and filled with security flaws that are taken advantage of by both inmates and deputies. It is mismanaged and mostly operated by new sheriff deputy recruits that see the jail as a training ground, a place to prove



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I urge the Board of Supervisors to vote in support of Supervisor Solis' motion to close Men's Central Jail.

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Javier R Rodriguez	<p>I am writing in support of Agenda Motion 27, authored by Chair Solis and Supervisor Kuehl. As a dedicated member of the Los Angeles Regional Reentry Partnership, I have been from the onset well aware and actively engaged in the strategic conversations that have taken place in collaboration with County departments, service providers and community leaders. As the MCJ Closure Workgroup has acknowledged, the time has long come to put an end to these ongoing discussions and jump into action. The health and well-being of our communities rely on quick and decisive action to expand the lifesaving community resources that must be made available to the over 4,500 individuals in urgent need of specialized care. As we move toward community-centered decarceration, the resources we currently use to imprison predominantly Black and Latinx individuals would instead be used to rehabilitate and provide care. We as a County should not imprison those for whom specialized care is necessary.</p> <p>I agree with the motion's assertion that the time for action is now, as we have an unparalleled opportunity to move forward with a project years in the making. The development of the Jail Closure Implementation Team to officially begin the MCJ Closure process is an important step in support of the County's commitment to "Care First, Jails Last" however this vision cannot advance without the financial investment and the significant allocation of funds to sustain it. We must also continue to prioritize the perspective and engagement of our most vulnerable directly impacted community members through the work of the soon to be created Jail Closure Implementation Team. As an individual who is deeply concerned about the treatment of our most vulnerable populations, we must ensure that community members battling with mental health, housing insecurity and/or substance use disorders are able to access quality dignified care. Together we can make progress towards that goal by taking immediate action to fund proven methods of care.</p>
Jeannette Zanipatin	<p>On behalf of the Drug Policy Alliance, I write in support of this motion. Thank you, Supervisor Solis and Supervisor Kuehl for your leadership on continuing to move the county towards a path where Men's Central Jail is no longer in existence. As the structure and process of the JCIT goes underway, it's our hope to see LA County continue its diligence to invest in a community plan that serves and addresses the needs of people with substance use challenges, this population is identified in the MCJ report, released on March 30, in need for critical services. With new data available, it has become evident that the coronavirus pandemic has exacerbated overdose rates in the county, especially among the unhoused population. In the first seven months of 2020, the overdose rates for individuals experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles County saw an increase of 33.2% from January to July alone. These numbers can't be ignored, we need to expand and enhance comprehensive services for people with SUD outside of jails, and ensure that individuals have access to supportive programs that can prevent people from falling back into the criminal legal system. It's crucial to consider and adopt non-traditional approaches like Harm Reduction services to help minimize the health and social impacts of substance use, a model that is cost-effective and capable of</p>



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	Jenn Murphy	<p>The one year deadline of the Board's historic motion to develop a plan to close Men's Central Jail (MCJ) is weeks away. Myself and other community members have championed the closure of MCJ for years and support the Board taking this next critical step of moving to close this deadly facility. However, the MCJ closure report, which was delivered to the Board early this year, provides the county with a detailed plan to make this vision a reality. The closure plan is straightforward. I am concerned that this new structure and process would cause additional delays and bureaucratic hurdles, when the Board has the power to direct the CEO to close MCJ now. Instead the Board should direct the existing Jail Population Review Council--which is comprised of county departments and representatives from the community to bottom line MCJ's closure. County departments and the community know what to do and have been working on this for years now.</p> <p>Additionally, I am concerned that the JCIT has no embedded community voices or accountability – despite the mandate to receive input from the community. It is imperative that impacted community members, such as the RHAC, are specifically included in this next phase of closure. This motion also raises questions about who has a voice in how JCIT is implemented, and who the director will be. Additionally, the team should consult with workgroups such as MCJ Closure and the Gender Responsive Advisory Committee to implement the closure plan for MCJ, a plan that has been previously established by the people. There is also no set timeline in the motion, despite the MCJ closure report naming an 18-24 month timeline.</p> <p>I urge the Board to take a bolder step to actually direct closing Men's Central jail with the continued involvement of community voices, and without creating more bureaucracy, but also urge the board to caution against a closure process that is centered around a strategy of attrition. The mandate to close jails should not be dependent upon whether this current Sheriff department decides to change its arrest priorities or whether the department of Probation prioritizes technical violations for example. The Sheriff's recent statement that houseless people are an "existential threat" and threats of mass arrest of the houseless population in Venice despite the overwhelming evidence that police intervention into homeless is a harmful intervention and is contrary to</p>



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JIL BALOGH	On July 7, 2020, the L.A. County BoS committed to closing Men's Central Jail (MCJ) within a year and to fully fund the Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) Roadmap. We are weeks away from that deadline. The creation of a Jail Closure Implementation Team would push the needle towards finally shutting down MCJ for good. This team should include a director, staff, County partners, and consult with workgroups such as MCJ Closure and the Gender Responsive Advisory Committee (GRAC) to implement a closure plan for MCJ.
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Joseph Maizlish	<p>Such a project needs integrated coordination. This motion provides for it.</p> <p>Please fully fund these efforts at change and rebuilding of social efforts for well-being.</p> <p>Additional comment: Comment: From replacing MCJ with a planned big new treatment jail to replacing it with alternatives, programs, youth services, prevention and well-being: Less than two years ago the Board was still considering contracting and borrowing billions from the future to build a replacement "Community Correctional Treatment Facility" (which even some Supervisors acknowledged as "a jail") to replace the MCJ. But the issue could no longer be viewed as a "jail vs. nothing" choice. Credit the years of activism/advocacy, in L.A. and elsewhere, the voices of the jailed/imprisoned and their families, the advocates for oversight of law enforcement, those victims' groups which have advocated for reforms, the Supervisors themselves, the health professionals in and outside County employment who spoke the truth of their experience, the people from law enforcement who supported shifts to diversion. The extent of community benefit depends on implementation and funding. What's social health and well-being worth? What's it cost to build the now growing infrastructure of public safety and well-being? And what has it cost, in financial and other terms, NOT to build it?</p>
Judy Branfman	<p>The county must adopt the Care First Vision. The Alternatives to Incarceration Workgroup, established by the County Board of Supervisors in 2019, rightly developed a "care first, jails last" vision, centering the needs of</p>





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Loretta A Smalls	<p>What are we supposed to do with Cartel and other gang members? What about their victims who have suffered a nightmare at their hands? Here in Antelope Valley we need more police, and not more criminals. Those who want to close jails and defund police are either criminals themselves or have never been a victim of a crime.</p>
Louise Dobbs	<p>Let's make the closure of the men's jail a reality, with all the necessary supports in place to carry out that mandate.</p> <p>On July 7, 2020, the L.A. County BoS committed to closing Men's Central Jail (MCJ) within a year and to fully fund the Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) Roadmap. We are weeks away from that deadline. The creation of a Jail Closure Implementation Team would push the needle towards finally shutting down MCJ for good. This team should include a director, staff, County partners, and consult with workgroups such as MCJ Closure and the Gender Responsive Advisory Committee (GRAC) to implement a closure plan for MCJ.</p>





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I am writing in support of Agenda Motion 27, authored by Chair Solis and Supervisor Kuehl. As a dedicated member of the Los Angeles Regional Reentry Partnership, I have been from the onset well aware and actively



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	<p>engaged in the strategic conversations that have taken place in collaboration with County departments, service providers and community leaders. As the MCJ Closure Workgroup has acknowledged, the time has long come to put an end to these ongoing discussions and jump into action. The health and well-being of our communities rely on quick and decisive action to expand the lifesaving community resources that must be made available to the over 4,500 individuals in urgent need of specialized care. As we move toward community-centered decarceration, the resources we currently use to imprison predominantly Black and Latinx individuals would instead be used to rehabilitate and provide care. We as a County should not imprison those for whom specialized care is necessary.</p> <p>I agree with the motion's assertion that the time for action is now, as we have an unparalleled opportunity to move forward with a project years in the making. The development of the Jail Closure Implementation Team to officially begin the MCJ Closure process is an important step in support of the County's commitment to "Care First, Jails Last" however this vision cannot advance without the financial investment and the significant allocation of funds to sustain it. We must also continue to prioritize the perspective and engagement of our most vulnerable directly impacted community members through the work of the soon to be created Jail Closure Implementation Team. As an individual who is deeply concerned about the treatment of our most vulnerable populations, we must ensure that community members battling with mental health, housing insecurity and/or substance use disorders are able to access quality dignified care. Together we can make progress towards that goal by taking immediate action to fund proven methods of care.</p>
Mariela G Alburges	<p>Myself and LARRP's partner network are grateful to Chair Solis and Supervisor Kuehl for authoring motion 27, establishing the Jail Closure Implementation Team.</p> <p>As part of our networks' continued commitment to expanding community-based systems of care and investing in alternatives to incarceration, LARRP has actively advocated for the establishment of ODR and ATI including our leadership serving on the Public Safety Realignment Team and the ODR Steering Committee. Likewise, we are in strong support of the creation of the Jail Closure Implementation Team to bring concrete action to the recommendations resulting from the evolving County discussions as to the closure of MCJ.</p> <p>As the time to take action is long overdue, we are proud to continue to work in partnership with County departments, service providers and community leaders in advancing this work with the JCIT proposal.</p> <p>Our network partners are well aware that the work of building out bedspace is currently only limited by resources. With cost-savings from the closure of MCJ and expansion of funding, the capacity to provide the beds needed to divert individuals from the carceral system and into community treatment is available and ready to be activated. As the County deepens their commitment to the "Cares First, Jails Last" vision and takes concrete steps towards</p>



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Mary Veral	<p>This is my comment on Item #27 and a general public comment.</p> <p>Good morning Board of Supervisors, my name is Mary Tiedeman Veral and I was the ACLU jails monitor from 2006 to 2010. I am also a resident of the 2nd district.</p> <p>I want to thank Supervisor Solis for authoring this motion on the Jail Closure Implementation Team and Supervisor Kuehl for co-authoring.</p> <p>I spent four years regularly going inside Men's Central Jail to advocate for people incarcerated there. Seared in my mind are the dark, windowless cells with human beings just crammed in them. I would walk the rows of cells and grown men would beg me to get them to the doctor for chronic conditions such as diabetes or high blood pressure. Mothers and fathers calling us, desperate for their loved one to get mental health care while they awaited trial. The hidden nooks and crannies where people would endure unspeakable violence. People with black eyes, broken bones and people terrified to speak up about what happened to them, sometimes worried that they would be stashed into a random cell and be unable to call for help for weeks. There was one row cells I remember in particular, 2904. It was just like a closet of a main hallway where "problematic inmates" would live for months, sometimes years. No windows and two layers of sally ports. 11 years later, I can still remember the smell.</p> <p>In addition, I recall working with the Sheriff's department to implement very basic human necessities such as going outside for a few hours a week. They would tell me that they had problems meeting this simple requirement because the jail was so old and poorly designed. There was only one recreation yard and the deputies would have to schedule people to go outside at very early or late hours because it was the only way to schedule everyone a timeslot. Then they would have to walk people all the way across the jail to go outside so they could see the light of day, which was only scheduled to happen once a week. Not only did this make it rare that it actually occurred, but it was very unsafe.</p> <p>Men's Central Jail is an absolute horrible dungeon that has no place in our community. I know there is opportunity and movement to change the course</p>



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	Mary Wahn	<p>The one year deadline of the Board's historic motion to develop a plan to close Men's Central Jail (MCJ) is weeks away. Myself and other community members have championed the closure of MCJ for years and support the Board taking this next critical step of moving to close this deadly facility. However, the MCJ closure report, which was delivered to the Board early this year, provides the county with a detailed plan to make this vision a reality. The closure plan is straightforward. I am concerned that this new structure and process would cause additional delays and bureaucratic hurdles, when the Board has the power to direct the CEO to close MCJ now. Instead the Board should direct the existing Jail Population Review Council--which is comprised of county departments and representatives from the community to bottom line MCJ's closure. County departments and the community know what to do and have been working on this for years now.</p> <p>Additionally, I am concerned that the JCIT has no embedded community voices or accountability – despite the mandate to receive input from the community. It is imperative that impacted community members, such as the RHAC, are specifically included in this next phase of closure. This motion also raises questions about who has a voice in how JCIT is implemented, and who the director will be. Additionally, the team should consult with workgroups such as MCJ Closure and the Gender Responsive Advisory Committee to implement the closure plan for MCJ, a plan that has been previously established by the people. There is also no set timeline in the motion, despite the MCJ closure report naming an 18-24 month timeline.</p> <p>I urge the Board to take a bolder step to actually direct closing Men's Central jail with the continued involvement of community voices, and without creating more bureaucracy, but also urge the board to caution against a closure process that is centered around a strategy of attrition. The mandate to close jails should not be dependent upon whether this current Sheriff department decides to change its arrest priorities or whether the department of Probation prioritizes technical violations for example. The Sheriff's recent statement that houseless people are an "existential threat" and threats of mass arrest of the houseless population in Venice despite the overwhelming evidence that police intervention into homeless is a harmful intervention and is contrary to the county's 'Care First, Jail Last' plan, demonstrates that jail population is subject to the political agendas of the departments leadership. In addition to creating the JCIT, the county should maintain diligence in funding the community plan, scaling up diversion efforts, and investing in life affirming interventions that reduce police contact and arrests of Black and Brown people who have been targeted. Reducing the drives of incarceration will</p>





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Melissa Camacho-Cheung	<p>I am grateful for the Board's continued focus on the urgent need to close Men's Central Jail and support the motion. Decades of organizing have allowed us to rally behind our shared goal: to close Men's Central Jail and provide the necessary recourses to permanently lower the number of LA County residents in our jails.</p> <p>I am concerned, however, that the JCIT does not have established positions for community voices that were a central part of the MCJ Closure Workgroup. The amended motion includes "community stakeholders" but does not specify who that might be. As a result, the JCIT could simply recreate the wheel without the partnership of community organizations and leaders who have been central to the work up to this point. All decarceration efforts under the "Care First, Jails Last" plan rely on community-based care to keep people out of jail. Community members must remain central to the Board's decision making, and the JCIT should be created with those community members who have been essential to organizing efforts to date.</p> <p>I also ask the Board to set an 18-24 month timeline for closure that would start today so that this new team does not stall the progress the working groups have made. I urge the Board to remember that 4,000 people remain in a crumbling facility that has failed to meet the basic needs of incarcerated people for decades.</p> <p>Every day, the ACLU receives complaints from people in Men's Central regarding overflowing toilets, cold showers (or no showers), not enough mattresses, and moldy meals. People call daily with desperate medical and mental health needs. If the JCIT can close Men's Central Jail in 18-24 months while focusing on funding community-based care with community partners, then I wholeheartedly support. What the JCIT must not do is slow the process down or sap resources from the community groups that are ready and waiting to move LA County into the Care First era.</p>
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Michael H Horner	<p>The jail needs to be replaced not eliminated! What form of public safety would have us not be able to arrest and lock up those members of our society who for whatever reason, are not able to live within the laws established to protect our citizens. The idea that somehow we could maintain a civil society without a means of detention of the worst of our society borders on insanity!</p>
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	Michelle Alger-Mintie	<p>On July 7, 2020, the L.A. County BoS committed to closing Men's Central Jail (MCJ) within a year and to fully fund the Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) Roadmap. We are weeks away from that deadline. The creation of a Jail Closure Implementation Team would push the needle towards finally shutting down MCJ for good. This team should include a director, staff, County partners, and consult with workgroups such as MCJ Closure and the Gender Responsive Advisory Committee (GRAC) to implement a closure plan for MCJ.</p>
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Sarah Carool	
Sarah Petrick	<p>Sheriff Villanueva is running the jails in an unconstitutional way. He continues to discriminate on the basis of race, class and gender, clearly articulating his belief that people of color are the most violent people in our community. Villanueva has stated many times that he believes the incarcerated population in LA county, which is majority Latinx and Black, adequately represents the population of those who commit crimes. This is simply untrue and steeped in racial bias. Villanueva also maintains hazardous conditions in the jails, refusing to supply adequate sanitation supplies for COVID-19 and to process any grievances related to needed medical treatment and staff harassment/assault. His role as Sheriff is dangerous and damaging for the LA county incarcerated population. As a result, the only way to improve conditions is by closing Men's Central Jail (MCJ) and dramatically reducing the number of people in the LA County jails.</p>
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Stephanie Struck

I am writing in support of Agenda Motion 27, authored by Chair Solis and Supervisor Kuehl. As a dedicated member of the Los Angeles Regional Reentry Partnership, I have been from the onset well aware and actively engaged in the strategic conversations that have taken place in collaboration with County departments, service providers and community leaders. As the MCJ Closure Workgroup has acknowledged, the time has long come to put an end to these ongoing discussions and jump into action. The health and well-being of our communities rely on quick and decisive action to expand the lifesaving community resources that must be made available to the over 4,500 individuals in urgent need of specialized care. As we move toward community-centered decarceration, the resources we currently use to imprison predominantly Black and Latinx individuals would instead be used to rehabilitate and provide care. We as a County should not imprison those for whom specialized care is necessary.

I agree with the motion's assertion that the time for action is now, as we have an unparalleled opportunity to move forward with a project years in the making. The development of the Jail Closure Implementation Team to



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	Tue Huynh	I am writing in support of Agenda Motion 27. As a Los Angeles member, I am hoping that we should not imprison those who need care is necessary. We must also focus on the vulnerable directed impact individuals and work toward the goal of care first, jail last.
	Waldo Gonzalez	The county must adopt the Care First Vision. The Alternatives to Incarceration Workgroup, established by the County Board of Supervisors in 2019, rightly developed a "care first, jails last" vision, centering the needs of people and community-based resourcing over incarceration and criminalization. But the current recommended 2021-2022 County budget does not reflect the Care First Vision. We need you to correct this and secure critical progress for our communities by adopting the Care First Budget.
Oppose	Adrian D Dominguez	
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		As composed it appears that this motion leaves no room for a collaborative



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solution to this issue. The call and need for criminal justice reform is favored, however the term "reform" has unfortunately become synonymous with "abolish" and to allow this trend to proceed in the formation of public policy is simply irresponsible of the leaders of our communities. There is an anticipated report from an independent body that is anticipated to say that a NEW facility needs to be built. However this motion by SD-1 is being done in anticipation of that report to get ahead of the recommendation. Why not wait to see what this anticipated report contains as a reference to moving forward.

This motion has not been found to be Department of Justice (DOJ) compliant and its legitimacy is in question. A plan cannot be implemented without allocating the proper and humane bed space for those being detained. As I understand the North County Jail facility does not have adequate space to accommodate the transfer of inmates from the Men's Central Jail to the North County Facility in Lancaster, and at the current capacity would be a detriment to our communities. Such a move will force inmates to sleep on the floors, which is inhumane treatment and will result in substantial liability exposure.

This motion does not lay any foundation of feasible plan to house the current inmates who are either significantly mentally ill and or are extremely violent offenders. These populations cannot be accommodated with ODR and transferring these inmates will endanger existing inmates in other facilities which are not equipped to serve the needs of these individuals which would lead to their successful rehabilitation.

The Executive Director of the Jail Closure Implementation Team has absolute autonomy and does NOT need to go to the Board of Supervisor or the Sheriff for any sort of approval or guidelines to move forward. Not having the requirement to work with subject matter experts does not lend this process to work towards a feasible and responsible result. Nor does it outline how the Executive Director will be selected and whether Board of Supervisors' approval needs to happen for the selection. The selection of such an individual should be carefully considered, as the best qualified individual for this position will be making decisions and creating policy that will have an effect on all of our communities.

This plan as currently presented, further impedes the rehabilitation process of the inmates and negatively impacts families residing in Central Los Angeles County, Southeast Los Angeles County, and the San Gabriel Valley. The sudden relocation of these inmates hinders family ties in the rehabilitation process this plan will make it extremely difficult for families to visit their incarcerated loved ones.

Again, there is no debate that criminal justice reform is needed, however we ask that careful consideration and due diligence to the consequences of the associated policies will have on our communities for generations to come.

Respectfully submitted





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Brian Solinsky	While well-intentioned, I ask the Board of Supervisors to reject the motion to create a jail closure team. Closing a jail facility does not decrease the number of crimes committed or make Los Angeles County residents safer. Closing jails does ensure the early release of criminals into our communities allowing them to victimize the most vulnerable in our society.
Caroline Bartholomew	<p>The one year deadline of the Board's historic motion to develop a plan to close Men's Central Jail (MCJ) is weeks away. Myself and other community members have championed the closure of MCJ for years and support the Board taking this next critical step of moving to close this deadly facility. However, the MCJ closure report, which was delivered to the Board early this year, provides the county with a detailed plan to make this vision a reality. The closure plan is straightforward. I am concerned that this new structure and process would cause additional delays and bureaucratic hurdles, when the Board has the power to direct the CEO to close MCJ now. Instead the Board should direct the existing Jail Population Review Council--which is comprised of county departments and representatives from the community to bottom line MCJ's closure. County departments and the community know what to do and have been working on this for years now.</p> <p>Additionally, I am concerned that the JCIT has no embedded community voices or accountability – despite the mandate to receive input from the community. It is imperative that impacted community members, such as the RHAC, are specifically included in this next phase of closure. This motion also raises questions about who has a voice in how JCIT is implemented, and who the director will be. Additionally, the team should consult with workgroups such as MCJ Closure and the Gender Responsive Advisory Committee to implement the closure plan for MCJ, a plan that has been previously established by the people. There is also no set timeline in the motion, despite the MCJ closure report naming an 18-24 month timeline.</p> <p>I urge the Board to take a bolder step to actually direct closing Men's Central jail with the continued involvement of community voices, and without creating more bureaucracy, but also urge the board to caution against a closure process that is centered around a strategy of attrition. The mandate to close jails should not be dependent upon whether this current Sheriff department decides to change its arrest priorities or whether the department of Probation prioritizes technical violations for example. The Sheriff's recent statement that houseless people are an "existential threat" and threats of mass arrest of the houseless population in Venice despite the overwhelming evidence that police intervention into homeless is a harmful intervention and is contrary to the county's 'Care First, Jail Last' plan, demonstrates that jail population is subject to the political agendas of the departments leadership. In addition to creating the JCIT, the county should maintain diligence in funding the community plan, scaling up diversion efforts, and investing in life affirming interventions that reduce police contact and arrests of Black and Brown people who have been targeted. Reducing the drives of incarceration will ensure the MCJ can close but will remain closed and fulfill the motions first mandate against future jail construction. Funding these priorities ensure that</p>



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	the historic step that you take towards jail closure will build lasting momentum towards a care first Los Angeles.
David Povero	<p>The Board of Supervisors will clearly see that the written comments you've received in favor of closing the Men's Central Jail facility, have been ghost authored by mostly one faction, and do not accurately represent the thousands of citizens of Los Angeles County.</p> <p>While it is logical that Men's Central Jail facility is well beyond its span of life and should be replaced, it is folly to believe that Los Angeles County does not need to replace the facility with a new model that can properly house and manage the lawfully incarcerated individual. The true fact is that many lawfully incarcerated individuals also require mental health care, and the County of Los Angeles has the moral obligation to provide such a facility. We as leaders will always be faced with broad based problems that involve all kinds of stakeholders. We answer in a problem-solving fashion that find commonalities and compromise in the solutions. Let's be collaborative but decisive in our approach. Let's consider the historical perspective and continue to integrate the critical viewpoints. Let's use our influence to make good things happen.</p> <p>I urge the Board to take the moral, legal and ethical path that provides the best safety for all its citizens of this county. I respectfully urge you to oppose this item.</p>
Dawn Abel	The closure of the Men's County Jail does not advance the one vital responsibility of government, and that is to protect its law-abiding citizens. A problem isn't fixed by turning our backs on it. An effectively run jail can be a valuable deterrent used to help offenders embrace productive lives, and is necessary to keep us safe. The state's hard turn towards protecting the perpetrator over the victim must stop. Thank you.
debra L dizon hernandez	
Diane Young	
Doug THORBURN	The insanity of closing the MCJ without a suitable replacement when crime is raging is beyond belief. My wife and I ask that you reconsider this asinine idea.
Elaine Markulis	The release of criminal (especially the mentally ill) into our neighborhoods will only add to the ongoing problems of crime and homelessness!!!
Eugene A Harris	Comments attached
Eugene A Harris	I am the Vice President of the Los Angeles County Police Chiefs Association and it is in that capacity that I am commenting on behalf of the 45 independent City police chiefs within L.A. County. Our association opposes the outright closure of MCJ and the formation of any



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	<p>group designed to facilitate such a closure, without the consideration or input from the 45 representative Chiefs of independent cities with the County. This agenda item appears to have already assumed closure necessary and foregone, while only denoting for conversation, how to get that done. There is nothing in the text that would cause a reasonable person to believe there has been any conversation about whether closure is feasible, appropriate, or necessary. Jails Last and Care First should absolutely consider crime victims, law abiding residents, public safety, and quality of life above any other element of the restorative justice movement within the County. Victims First!! I will discuss our group's opposition during public comment.</p>
EVA GREENE	<p>Your idealism is not reality. The reality is that we have both good and evil in the world. And although the criminal may later repent, he or she has still committed a crime for which they are guilty.</p> <p>This motion will set a dangerous precedent for other criminals that are not yet repentant to commit crimes for which they know will be "forgiven" by your idealism, and not via their true remorse and repentance. You're simply creating incentives for criminals to commit crimes because they know that the violinists, aka the bleeding hearts living in a fantasy and not reality, will "understand" why they did the crime and know you will not punish them and hold them responsible.</p> <p>This is a childish point of view and you need to grow up, because you are burdened with the responsibilities of caring for the entire community at large.</p> <p>Your first mandate is for the safety of the community. You take an oath of office to abide and defend the constitution of the United States. And that means: to "establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity.</p> <p>Letting violent criminals out of jail whether mentally ill, violent in their nature, or violent due to drug and alcohol addiction still equates to criminality and they must be held responsibility and justice must be sought for the victims of their crimes.</p> <p>Your idealism reminds me of a documentary I saw where the idealistic actor wanted to make friends with the polar bears. He befriended them and should have left with the oncoming winter. But instead he stayed and encouraged his girlfriend to stay with him. They stayed and were both mauled and eaten by the hungry polar bears.</p>
Gisela Kohagen	
Isabella Dominguez	
Jan c Roberts	<p>We STRONGLY OPPOSE this measure. We need MORE JAILS and more city/police protection from the massive increase of crime due to woefully</p>



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Jennifer Perez	<p>As contract city officials in Los Angeles County, we are well aware of the deplorable conditions at the Sheriff's Department's Men's Central Jail facility. With those problems in mind, we support any and all efforts to close the existing facility as soon as possible.</p> <p>Our support for that closure includes an emphatic request that your Board find a path forward that does not perpetuate the existing problems with overcrowding, and that does not compromise the public's safety by releasing inmates without proper oversight and management. Likewise, any MCJ closure alternative that transfers even one inmate further from his or her home and family support in our community is a step backwards.</p> <p>We understand that there is a soon-to-be released report, one that was contracted by your Board, that may include options and recommendations not currently on the table. We would urge your Board to postpone discussion and approval of Item #27 until the information included in that report is available.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and effort on this most challenging issue.</p> <p>Mayor Jennifer Perez</p>
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Karl Heinz	
Katherine Lee	<p>Dear County Board Supervisors, I am requesting that you reconsider the closure of the Men's Central Jail without replacing it with a new one. The decision to close it was made without authentic public engagement. As the Mayor of Alhambra, my responsibility is to maintain safe neighborhoods for</p>



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	<p>our residents. However, crimes have been increasing in Alhambra in the past year; more arrests had been made due to drug-related offenses. Many of the residents in the city have become concerned with the increasing criminal activities. Recently, a homeless individual was charged with assault with a deadly weapon. The victim was an elderly woman, and she was injured while she was exercising in a local park. Residents were angry and shocked when they found out that the offender only served four days in jail out of the 30 days sentenced. What are the possible outcomes of the closure of the MCJ? How will it impact public safety? There really has not been any real outreach of all the stakeholders. For government transparency, I urge you to pause the implementation process and begin authentic public outreach.</p>
Kathy Cady	<p>I am actively involved in representing crime victims and several victim advocacy groups and am writing to express my strong opposition to Agenda Item #27 "Jails Last: Creation of the Jail Closure Implementation Team." The March 30, 2021 LA County Health Services Report Executive Summary stated "dedicating the magnitude of funding that would be needed to build the community based system of care sufficient to facilitate closure of MCJ may be facilitated by recent changes in the fiscal environment, including the passage of Measure J." This Motion is extremely irresponsible, especially in light of Superior Court Judge Mary Strobel's ruling last week that Measure J is unconstitutional.</p> <p>The California Constitution Article I, Section 28(a), enacted by the voters in 2008, states "California's victims of crime are largely dependent upon the proper functioning of government, upon the criminal justice system and upon the expeditious enforcement of the rights of victims of crime described herein, in order to protect the public safety and to secure justice when the public safety has been compromised by criminal activity. . . These rights encompass the expectation shared with all of the people of California that persons who commit felonious acts causing injury to innocent victims will be . . . appropriately detained in custody . . . so that the public safety is protected and encouraged as a goal of highest importance." Individuals who are dangerous to public safety must be detained in county jails to protect victims and public safety. Closing Men's Central Jail without having a plan in place on where to house the most dangerous individuals and/or those who require the most services is reckless and negligent.</p> <p>Despite the Motion's statement on page 4 "the Board must acknowledge that there is no further need to study, establish work groups, or develop further recommendations to reduce the County's reliance on incarceration" there is additional work that must be completed before taking the step of demolishing MCJ without having a concrete plan on how to house the most dangerous inmates. The solution of transferring them to alternative facilities that are not equipped to house them and hope that nothing bad happens is unacceptable. Ensuring the safety of the community is of utmost importance. Violent crime in on the rise. Closing Men's Central jail will result in a smaller capacity to house those who commit violent crime. Without sufficient beds to house violent criminals, the sheriff will be forced to continue to engage in early release. This is a vicious cycle that endangers victims and the community. I urge you to have an actual plan in place on what to do with the most dangerous inmates before demolishing the one facility that is equipped to</p>



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	<p>house them. Thank you for your consideration of my comments on this issue. Please feel free to discuss this important issue or if I can assist in any way relating to victims' rights issues.</p>
Kelly Gordon	<p>Good morning honorable Board Members.</p> <p>I am the 2nd Vice President of the Los Angeles County Police Chiefs Association and it is in that capacity that I am commenting on behalf of the independent City police chiefs within L.A. County. I am here to let the board and the communities of LA County know that crime rates are up significantly! Property crimes, crimes against persons, and other violent crimes are skyrocketing in every corner of the County. This includes independent cities, contract cities, and unincorporated areas. The Los Angeles County District Attorney and the Los Angeles County Sheriff have both confirmed publicly in interviews that Crime has risen significantly, in fact the DA mentioned during a KTLA interview that crime was on the rise prior to his tenure as he defended his current policies. What this says is what has known for quite some time. There is no question...Crime is on the ascension.</p> <p>With that confirmed we have openly participated in alternative to incarceration groups and endeavors to minimize jail populations on the front end, efforts that have been fruitful based on information from 2020-2021 related to reductions in county jail inmate populations. We other participated in real efforts at recidivism reduction, diversion, re-entry, and mental health crisis response reform among numerous others. We've endured the predictable outcome of the "Defund the Police movement and instituted internal reforms across the board. All this to say, we do not stand against reform and we have been active participants in these efforts.</p> <p>Our association, however opposes the outright closure of MCJ and the formation of any group designed to facilitate such a closure, without the consideration or input from the 45 representative Chiefs of independent cities within the County. Efforts like these have played out to predictable and quite frankly tragic outcomes. We need look no further than prop 47 and AB 109 as being complicit in decriminalizing behavior, and unleashing State prison inmates upon the County and local systems, without first implementing the resources necessary for such a move. The consequences have been a steady rise in crime, reduced quality of life, and increased fear within our communities. Closing MCJ will have a very similar effect on communities if the County does what the State did by releasing large numbers of inmates arbitrarily and without community protections in place. Predictable is preventable!!</p> <p>This agenda item appears to have already assumed closure necessary and foregone, while only denoting for conversation, how to get that done. There is nothing in the text that would cause a reasonable person to believe there has been any conversation about whether closure is feasible, appropriate, or necessary. Jails Last and Care First should absolutely consider crime victims,</p>





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	law abiding residents, public safety, and quality of life above any other element of the restorative justice movement. The simple question is...If you close that building tomorrow, where would the inmates go, who would supervise their release? More importantly Who will ensure the community is protected when these inmates are simply pushed back into communities where resources are stretched and police efforts muted by forced regressive policies. Though this agenda denotes only the specifics of the JCIT, what it is designed to do poses a clear and present danger to the community. Care First, should put Victims and community members first!! Not criminals, those engaged in antisocial behavior, and certainly not politics...Victims First! Public Safety Always!!
Kirk Fogg	This is a complete disregard of law and order. It's reckless, dangerous and rife with political correctness. Stop this now. This will only continue the nail in the proverbial coffin for LA County. The residents are sick and tired of the flagrant abuse of power. Keep our jails open. Enforce the law. Period.
Loretta A Smalls	I oppose this agenda item, I accidentally put in favor in previous statement. This is a bad idea, where even Cartels and gang members will be let loose on our communities. Those who want to close jails and defund police have never had to face a Cartel member or perhaps they are criminals themselves.
Lori Jee	We need a new jail facility to provide job training and rehabilitation. We also need a jail to keep dangerous criminals off the street not tear it down.
Maria Pantoja	
Nancy De Mayo	
Patricia A Wenskunas	<p>Dear Board of Supervisors,</p> <p>I write today in opposition of closing Men's Central Jail without a replacement. With the implementation of statewide and local policy changes, those held within our jail facilities are those who have committed more serious and violent offenses. Diversion is an important component of rehabilitation but not all inmates within MCJ are good candidates for diversion or release for that matter.</p> <p>I urge you to reconsider this motion and, instead, engage in meaningful dialogue around replacing MCJ with a new high security facility. Those that have been victimized and traumatized are deserving of protection, safety and justice. You have an obligation to our children, families, and to victims and crime survivors.</p> <p>The public is deserving of safe communities and you were elected to ensure that basic needs are met.</p> <p>Please do not vote to close MCJ without voting to replace it with a newly built high security facility.</p> <p>Be a voice for the voiceless and stand with victims, crime survivors, and your community for safety and justice!</p>



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	Sincerely, Patricia Wenskunas Founder CEO Crime Survivors Resource Center
Patrick D Morganelli	I hope you have a plan to control all of the mentally ill and violent criminals you're going to release onto the streets of LA! I'll be watching closely to see what you do and how this thing unfolds.
Ruben Pantoja	
Sarai Nava	Irresponsible. Have a plan then present it again. This is an incomplete thought with no regard for the consequences.
Sylvia Pantoja	
Todd Rogers	<p>I oppose this motion in the strongest possible terms. I have spent over 32 years on the front lines of preserving public safety for the residents of Los Angeles County. I believe in restorative justice and the public health model of providing intervention, prevention, and rehabilitation programming. These, however, cannot comprise a comprehensive public safety strategy without constitutional enforcement and accountability through incarceration with an emphasis on treatment and rehabilitation. I have actually implemented a comprehensive public safety approach that has reduced crime and reduced the fear of crime in one of the most diverse communities within Los Angeles County. Your approach appears to be based on ideology and not actual experience. We, your constituents would like to hear where your approach has actually worked to improve the quality of life in lieu of simply being a feel-good idea.</p> <p>I also wish the register the following concerns. I believe these will result in costly and, in the end, losing litigation for the County of Los Angeles.</p> <p>There is an anticipated report from an independent body that is anticipated to say that a NEW facility needs to be built. This motion by SD-1 is being done in anticipation of that report to get ahead of the recommendation.</p> <p>This motion is not Department of Justice (DOJ) compliant and is illegal. A plan cannot be implemented without allocating bed space. The North County Jail facility does not have adequate space to accommodate the transfer of inmates from the Men's Central Jail to the North County Facility in Lancaster. Such a move will force inmates to sleep on the floors, which is inhumane treatment and will result in substantial liability exposure.</p> <p>There is no plan to house the current inmates who are either significantly mentally ill and or are extremely violent offenders. These populations cannot be accommodated with ODR and transferring these inmates will endanger</p>



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		<p>existing inmates in other facilities.</p> <p>The Executive Director of the Jail Closure Implementation Team has absolute autonomy and does NOT need to go to the Board of Supervisor or the Sheriff for any sort of approval or guidelines to move forward. Nor does it outline how the Executive Director will be selected and whether Board of Supervisors' approval needs to happen for the selection.</p> <p>The plan further impedes the rehabilitation process of the inmates and negatively impacts families residing in Central Los Angeles County, Southeast Los Angeles County, and the San Gabriel Valley. Maintaining strong family ties is a cornerstone in the rehabilitation process this plan will make it impossible for families to visit their incarcerated loved ones.</p> <p>I encourage a NO vote and stand ready to participate in any ongoing dialogue about the future of public safety in Los Angeles County.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted.</p>
	Tony Bell	<p>Dear Supervisors:</p> <p>Our county is at crossroads. Rising crime and homelessness are feeding growing fear and hopelessness that have many of our county residents packing their bags for more family-friendly municipalities in Nevada, Arizona or Texas. Counties in these states instill public confidence in its elected officials who have made public safety a top priority by ensuring their jurisdictions strive for equal and effective administration of justice. To achieve this, history and logic provides that some form of incarceration is vital -- and compassionate.</p> <p>Run effectively, jail can serve as a powerful deterrent for would-be offenders; give life-saving respite to abuse victims; interrupt a mental-health induced spree; detox a drug or alcohol abuser; and exact an appropriate penalty on an offender which may help a victim's road to recovery.</p> <p>In addition, many facilities help offenders transition into housing, job training and placement, receive mental healthcare and other forms of therapy in a unique environment with a captive audience. This approach has been studied and approved here in our county by a previous board. I'd urge this board to reconsider this item for a more compassionate and progressive reimagination of the criminal justice system that includes an effectively-managed and resulted-oriented jail facility -- rather than none at all.</p> <p>Tony Bell Studio City</p>
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				<p>established by the people. There is also no set timeline in the motion, despite the MCJ closure report naming an 18-24 month timeline.</p> <p>I urge the Board to take a bolder step to actually direct closing Men's Central jail with the continued involvement of community voices, and without creating more bureaucracy, but also urge the board to caution against a closure process that is centered around a strategy of attrition. The mandate to close jails should not be dependent upon whether this current Sheriff department decides to change its arrest priorities or whether the department of Probation prioritizes technical violations for example. The Sheriff's recent statement that houseless people are an "existential threat" and threats of mass arrest of the houseless population in Venice despite the overwhelming evidence that police intervention into homeless is a harmful intervention and is contrary to the county's 'Care First, Jail Last' plan, demonstrates that jail population is subject to the political agendas of the departments leadership. In addition to creating the JCIT, the county should maintain diligence in funding the community plan, scaling up diversion efforts, and investing in life affirming interventions that reduce police contact and arrests of Black and Brown people who have been targeted. Reducing the drives of incarceration will ensure the MCJ can close but will remain closed and fulfill the motions first mandate against future jail construction. Funding these priorities ensure that the historic step that you take towards jail closure will build lasting momentum towards a care first Los Angeles.</p>
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Notice of Opposition

Agenda Item 27 – Jails Last

Board of Supervisors Meeting

June 22, 2021.

I am the President of the Los Angeles County Police Chiefs Association and it is in that capacity that I am commenting on behalf of the 45 independent City police chiefs within L.A. County.

Our association opposes the outright closure of MCJ and the formation of any group designed to facilitate such a closure, without the consideration or input from the 45 representative Chiefs of independent cities with the County. This agenda item appears to have already assumed closure necessary and foregone, while only denoting for conversation, how to get that done. There is nothing in the text that would cause a reasonable person to believe there has been any conversation about whether closure is feasible, appropriate, or necessary. Jails Last and Care First should absolutely consider crime victims, law abiding residents, public safety, and quality of life above any other element of the restorative justice movement within the County. Victims First!! I will discuss our group's opposition during public comment.

Gene Harris

President

Los Angeles County Police Chief's Association

Good morning Board of Supervisors, my name is Franky Carrillo.  
I will be speaking on Item #27 and providing a general public comment

Thank you Supervisor Solis for authoring this motion on the Jail Closure Implementation Team and Supervisor Kuehl for co-authoring.

At the age of 16 I was arrested and eventually wrongfully convicted here in LA County. On my 18th birthday I was transferred from Central Juvenile Hall over to the Men's Central Jail, because I was now considered an adult. I heard horror stories of the jail and I prayed that my case would be resolved and I would go home, but instead I went there.

I spent the next 20 years in maximum security prisons, I endured horrific physical and psychological abuse behind bars before being EXONERATED, but nothing compared to the year I spent at the Men's Central Jail. It was the worst of the worst. When I think of the trauma of being wrongfully imprisoned I think of and remember the Men's Central Jail.

The jail is antiquated and filled with security flaws that are taken advantage of by both inmates and deputies. It is mismanaged and mostly operated by new sheriff deputy recruits that see the jail as a training ground, a place to prove themselves, and the place where they can apply aggressive tactics to unleash fear and brutality on those jailed there; before obviously being assigned to a substation and patrolling the community.

The board and the public should know that these jails are being improperly used to incarcerate people who have serious needs and who are going through the worst episode of their lives—jails are never going to be the answer to their personal problems and OUR collective social problems.

If we want to keep the public safe, we need to start with closing Men's Central Jail and expand our investment in our communities. Our residents need resources. They need services. They don't need jails.

I urge the Board of Supervisors to vote in support of Supervisor Solis' motion to close Men's Central Jail.

Thank you.  
Franky Carrillo

Dear Supervisors:

Our county is at crossroads. Rising crime and homelessness are feeding growing fear and hopelessness that have many of our county residents packing their bags for more family-friendly municipalities in Nevada, Arizona or Texas. Counties in these states instill public confidence in its elected officials who have made public safety a top priority by ensuring their jurisdictions strive for equal and effective administration of justice. To achieve this, history and logic provides that some form of incarceration is vital -- and compassionate.

Run effectively, jail can serve as a powerful deterrent for would-be offenders; give life-saving respite to abuse victims: interrupt a mental-health induced spree: detox a drug or alcohol abuser; and exact an appropriate penalty on an offender which may help a victim's road to recovery.

In addition, many facilities help offenders transition into housing, job training and placement, receive mental healthcare and other forms of therapy in a unique environment with a captive audience. This approach has been studied and approved here in our county by a previous board. I'd urge this board to reconsider this item for a more compassionate and progressive reimagination of the criminal justice system that includes an effectively-managed and resulted-oriented jail facility -- rather than none at all.

Tony Bell  
Studio City

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Hi,

Please include this in today's record.

Thanks,

Carlos Arreola Lopez  
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Carlos,

Can you please send this letter from the City of Cerritos to the EO.

Thanks!

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Please see the attached letter from Mayor Grace Hu on behalf of the Cerritos City Council regarding *Opposition to Agenda Item 27, June 22, 2021: Men's Central Jail*.

Sincerely,

Pamela Mendoza  
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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
**GRACE HU**

June 22, 2021

Honorable Chair Hilda L. Solis and Members of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Tempe Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Chair Solis and Board of Supervisors:

**SUBJECT: Opposition to Agenda Item 27, June 22, 2021: Men's Central Jail**

On behalf of the City of Cerritos, we wish to express our opposition to Item 27 of the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors Agenda of June 22, 2021 as it relates to the closing of the Men's Central Jail (MCJ). This proposal provides no option to build a new facility and also establishes a Jail Closure Implementation Team that will have the complete autonomy in closing the facility.

This is not in the best interests of the residents of the City of Cerritos and Los Angeles County as this will impede the rehabilitation process of the inmates and negatively impact their families.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Grace Hu  
MAYOR

cc Cerritos City Council Members  
Lynda Johnson, Office of Supervisor Janice Hahn  
Rudy Bermudez

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The following correspondence is being forwarded to you for your review/information.

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From: Mary Ann Dorman <maryann@plastiformcfs.com>  
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Are you Supervisors going to take the punishment and pay the fines PERSONALLY that the folks you let go engender if they go out and kill, rape etc? I sure hope so! The victims would appreciate it. Otherwise, I suggest you keep the jail and offer shrinks, help and education for those in jail while they pay back the victims and community for their misdeeds.

Thank you.